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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Col. 7, Line 8, Claim 1 should read

-- Claim 1. A dock leveler comprising a support, a deck assembly pivotally secured to said support at one end for movement between a stored position and an elevated position, a deck lip pivotally connected to said deck assembly at an opposite end to said one end for movement between a pendent stored position and a bridging position projecting from said deck assembly, a lift mechanism acting on said deck assembly to lift it toward said elevated position, a lip operating mechanism operatively connected to said lip to move it from said pendant position to said bridging position upon attainment of said elevated position, and a latch to **hold** said lip in said bridging position upon movement of said deck assembly from said elevated position toward said stored position, said latch releasing said lip upon relative movement between said lip and said deck assembly in a first direction that would move said lip beyond said bridging position and having a yieldable connection to permit limited pivotal movement between said lip and said deck assembly in a direction opposite to said first direction upon application of a force thereto. --.

Col. 8, Line 15, Claim 16 should read

-- Claim 16. A dock leveler comprising a support frame, a deck assembly pivotally secured to said frame at one end for movement between a stored position and an elevated position, a deck lip pivotally connected to said deck assembly at an opposite end to said one end for movement between a pendant stored position and a bridging position projecting from said deck, a lift mechanism acting on said deck to bias it toward said elevated position, a lip operating mechanism operatively connected to said lip to move it from said pendant position to said bridging position upon attainment of said elevated position and including a first tensile member acting between said support

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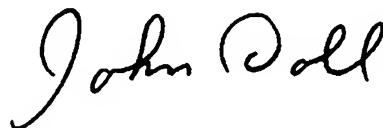
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frame and said lip to initiate movement from said pendant position as said deck assembly approaches said elevated position, and a latch to hold said lip in said bridging position upon movement of said deck assembly from said elevated position toward said stored position, said latch being moveable from an inactive position to an active position upon movement of said deck assembly from said elevated position toward said stored position, in which said latch acts upon said lip as said deck assembly approaches said elevated position, said latch having a yieldable connection to permit limited pivotal movement between said lip and said deck assembly upon application of a force thereto. --.

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